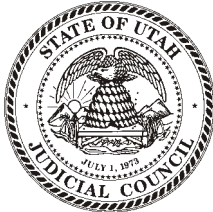


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JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION SELECTS NOMINEES FOR COURT OF APPEALS VACANCY

Salt Lake City, Utah—The Appellate Judicial Nominating Commission has selected seven nominees for the Utah Court of Appeals vacancy. The position will replace Judge Norman H. Jackson who announced his retirement effective August 2005.

The nominees are as follows: Carol Clawson, Salt Lake City, attorney, Clawson & Falk, LLC; Scott J. Daniels, Salt Lake City, arbitrator/mediator; Laura B. Dupaix, Kaysville, assistant attorney general, Utah Attorney General's Office; Robert K. Hilder, Park City, Third District Court judge; Thomas L. Kay, Bountiful, Second District Court judge; Carolyn B. McHugh, Salt Lake City, shareholder, Parr Waddoups Brown Gee & Loveless; Anthony W. Schofield, American Fork, Fourth District Court judge.

A 10-day public comment period will be held before the names are submitted to Gov. Jon M. Huntsman, Jr. To submit comments about the nominees, individuals should mail a written statement to Commission Chair Von Keetch, c/o Administrative Office of the Courts, P.O. Box 140241, Salt Lake City, UT, 84114-0241. Comments must be received by May 19 at 5:00 p.m.

The names of the nominees emerging from the comment period will be sent to the Governor. Within 30 days, the Governor's nominee will be forwarded to the Senate Confirmation Committee, which reviews the nominee's qualifications and conducts a public hearing and interview session. The Senate Confirmation Committee then forwards the final nominee to the Utah State Senate, which has 60 days from the Governor's nomination to confirm the nominee.

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